

REMARKS

Favorable consideration, examination, and allowance of the present patent application are respectfully requested. The foregoing amendments are made to remove multiple dependencies in the claims, and to effect minor editorial and stylistic changes in the specification and claims which do not relate to the patentability of the claims. No new matter has been entered.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present patent application is in condition for allowance. An early indication of the allowability of the present patent application is therefore respectfully solicited.

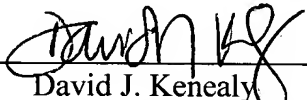
If the patent examiner believes that a telephone conference with the undersigned would expedite passage of the present patent application to issue, the Examiner is invited to call on the number below.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. If, however, additional extensions of time or fees are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time and fees are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees necessitated by this paper, and to credit all refunds and overpayments, to our Deposit Account 50-2821.

Constructive Petition

[X] **Except** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. §1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including filing fees, fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, and any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Applicant's representative's Deposit Account No. 50-2821. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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